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## **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

- 1. (original) Artificial intervertebral disc, comprising a nucleus of flexible material with the shape of a flattened body, with a lower and an upper side connected by a lateral surface, around which at least substantially radially oriented windings of a traction-resistant fibre have been applied.
- 2. (original) Intervertebral disc according to claim 1, wherein the lower and the upper side are of a rounded shape, preferably of a circular or ellipsoid shape.
- 3. (currently amended) Intervertebral disc according to claim 1 or 2, wherein the windings substantially run along geodetic lines across the surface of the nucleus.
- 4. (currently amended) Intervertebral disc according to any one of claims 1-3 claim 1, wherein the fibres have a tensile strength of at least 1 GPa and a modulus of at least 10 GPa.
- 5. (currently amended) Intervertebral disc according to any one of claims 1-4 claim 1, wherein the fibres consist of polyethylene.
- 6. (currently amended) Intervertebral disc according to any one of claims 1-5 claim 1, wherein are also present windings of a traction-resistant fibre which run completely across the lateral surface.
- 7. (currently amended) Intervertebral disc according to any one of claims 1-6 claim 1, wherein between the nucleus and the fibres a fabric is present along at least the lateral surface and at least a part of the lower side and a part of the upper side.
- 8. (original) Intervertebral disc according to claim 7, wherein the fabric consists of traction- resistant fibres.
- 9. (original) Intervertebral disc according to claim 8, wherein the fibres have a tensile strength of at least 1 GPa and a modulus of at least 10 GPa.